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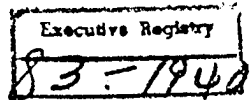
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At the request of Assistant Secretary Leland,
the attached document is being distributed
to the IG and the subject matter will be dis-
cussed in a meeting at USTR in Room 203 on
Monday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Attachment

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ISSUE PAPER

U.S.-USSR Grains Agreement

Issue

The current U.S.-USSR Grains Agreement will expire on September 30, 1983. The Soviets have indicated that they are not interested in further 1-year extensions. They have told us that trade expansion is best facilitated by long-term obligations and are ready to negotiate a new long-term agreement with us. Both sides have indicated a desire to work toward expansion of our grain trade. The Administration must decide soon whether to initiate talks on a new LTA.

Options

Option 1: Allow the existing U.S.-USSR Grains Agreement to expire without providing for any formal agricultural trading agreement between the two countries after September 30, 1983.

Advantages:

- Would be consistent with the President's policy of postponing negotiations on a new long-term grain agreement